

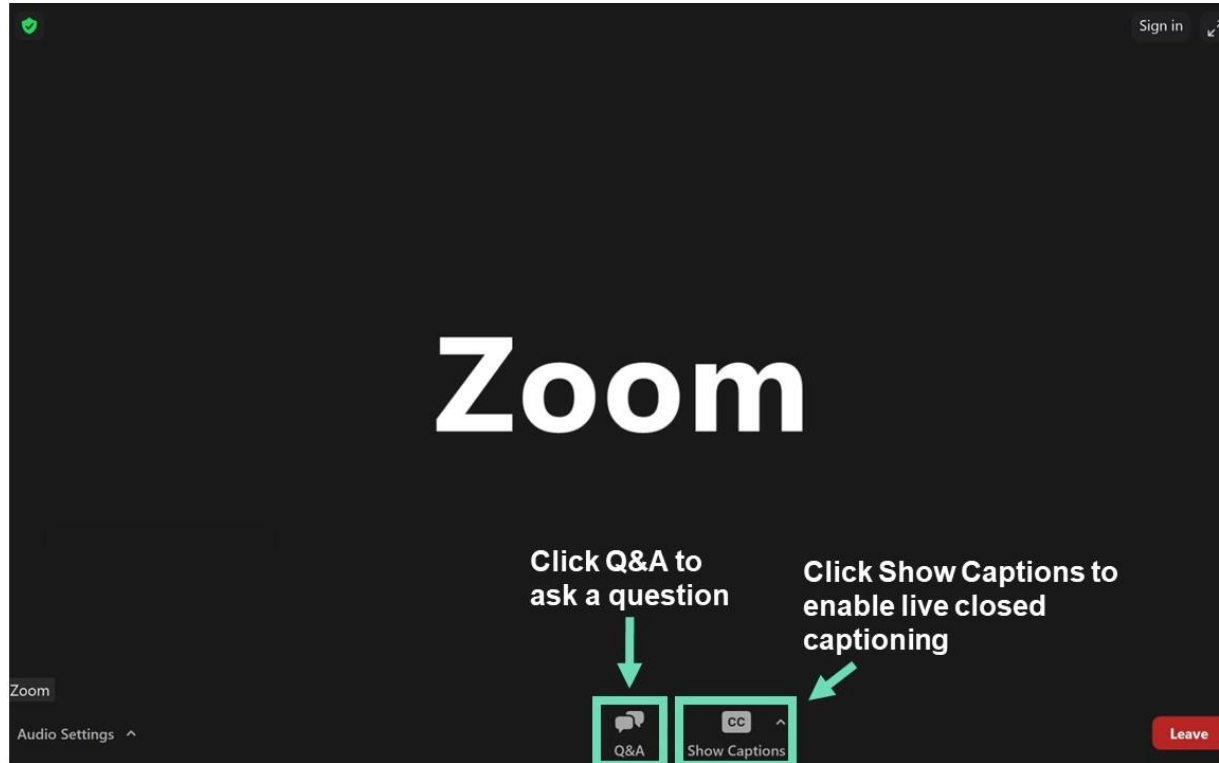
# I-405/Northeast 85th Street Interchange and Inline BRT Station Project

## Construction updates

December 11, 2025

This meeting is being recorded. The recording will be sent to meeting registrants via email and posted on the project webpage.

# Zoom controls



# Welcome & introductions

- **Aliah Marzolf**, Meeting Facilitator, Graham Communications
- **Cheryl Webster**, Graham Construction Project Controls Specialist
- **Steve M. Beadle, PE**, WSDOT Project Engineer
- **Sarah Perrino**, Sound Transit Strategic Senior Project Manager
- **Sarah Olson**, City of Kirkland Deputy Director of Public Works Department

# Agenda

Project overview and benefits

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Construction updates

- Schedule (2023 – 2027)
- What's completed or in progress? What's next?
- What you can expect during construction

Keeping the community informed

- Outreach efforts
- Real-time travel map and app

Stay in touch!

Questions?

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# Poll questions

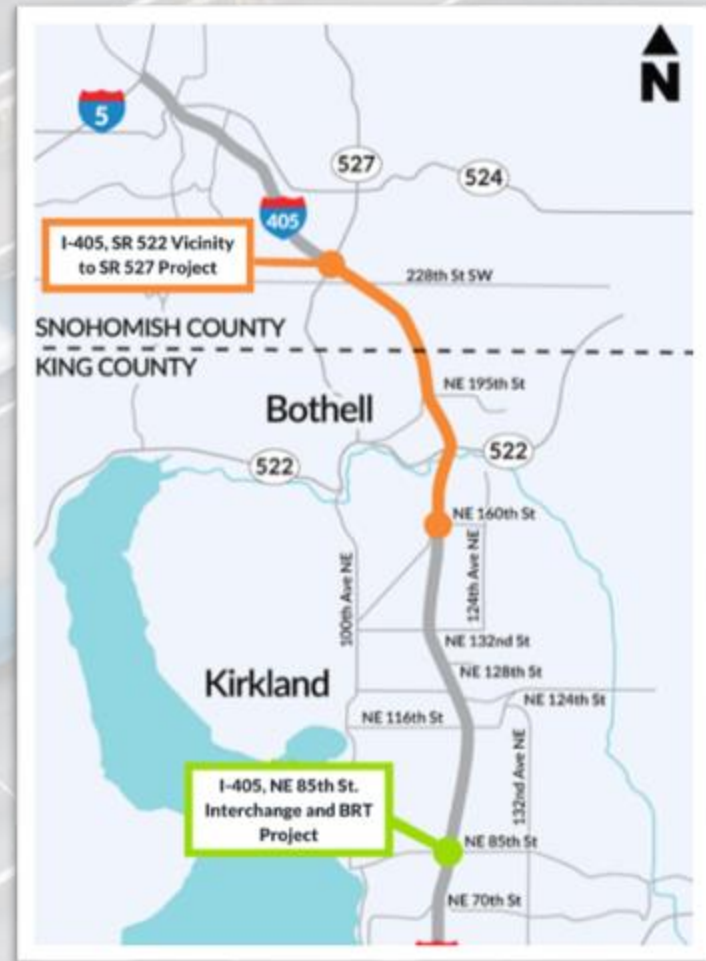
**Before we start, we want to hear from you**

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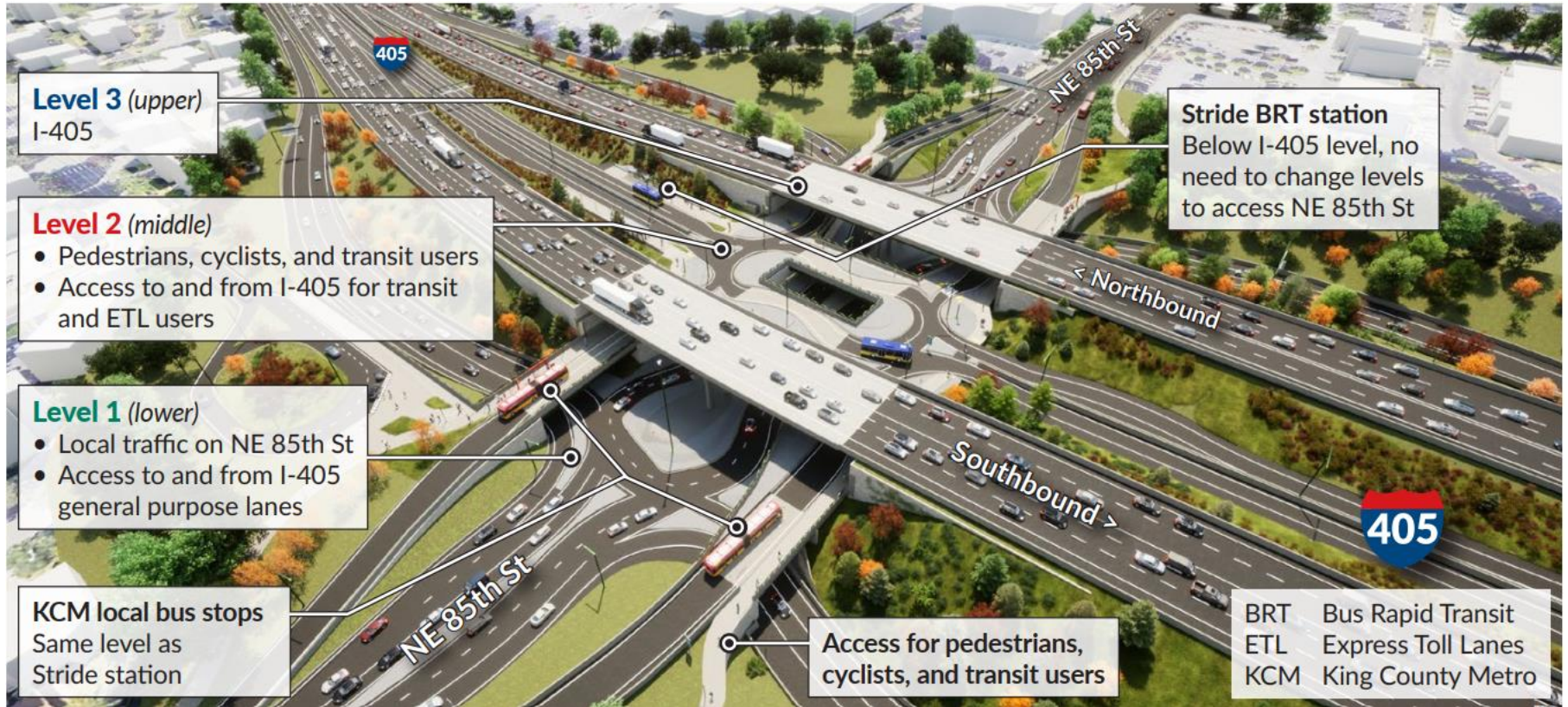
# Project overview



# Coordinated Projects on I-405 Corridor



# The future of Northeast 85th Street



# Northeast 85th Street and I-405



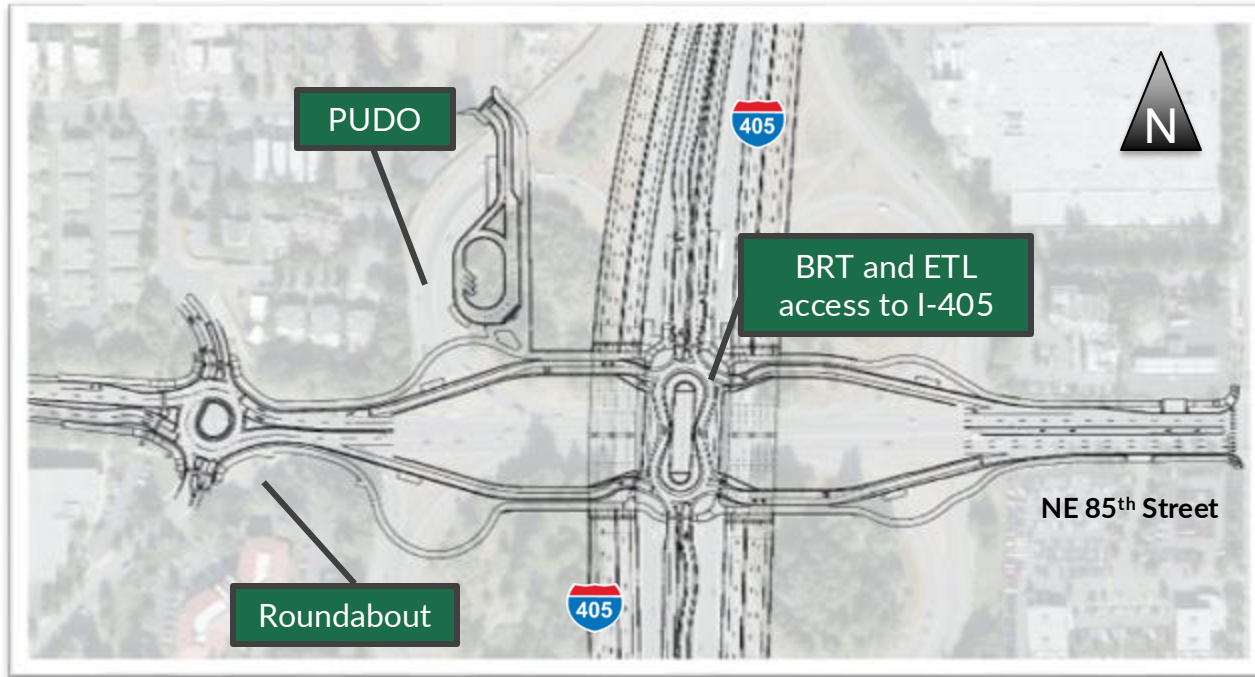
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# *Stride*

*Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)*

# Agency updates

## Key openings

- Federal Way Link Extension
  - Opened December 6, 2025

## Up next in 2026

- 2 Line: Cross Lake Connection

## Under contract

- S1: Renton Transit Center
- S3: NE 145th Seattle/Shoreline
- S3 Bothell-Kenmore
- Bus Operations & Maintenance Facility

## Stride online open house

- [stride-brt.participate.online](https://stride-brt.participate.online)



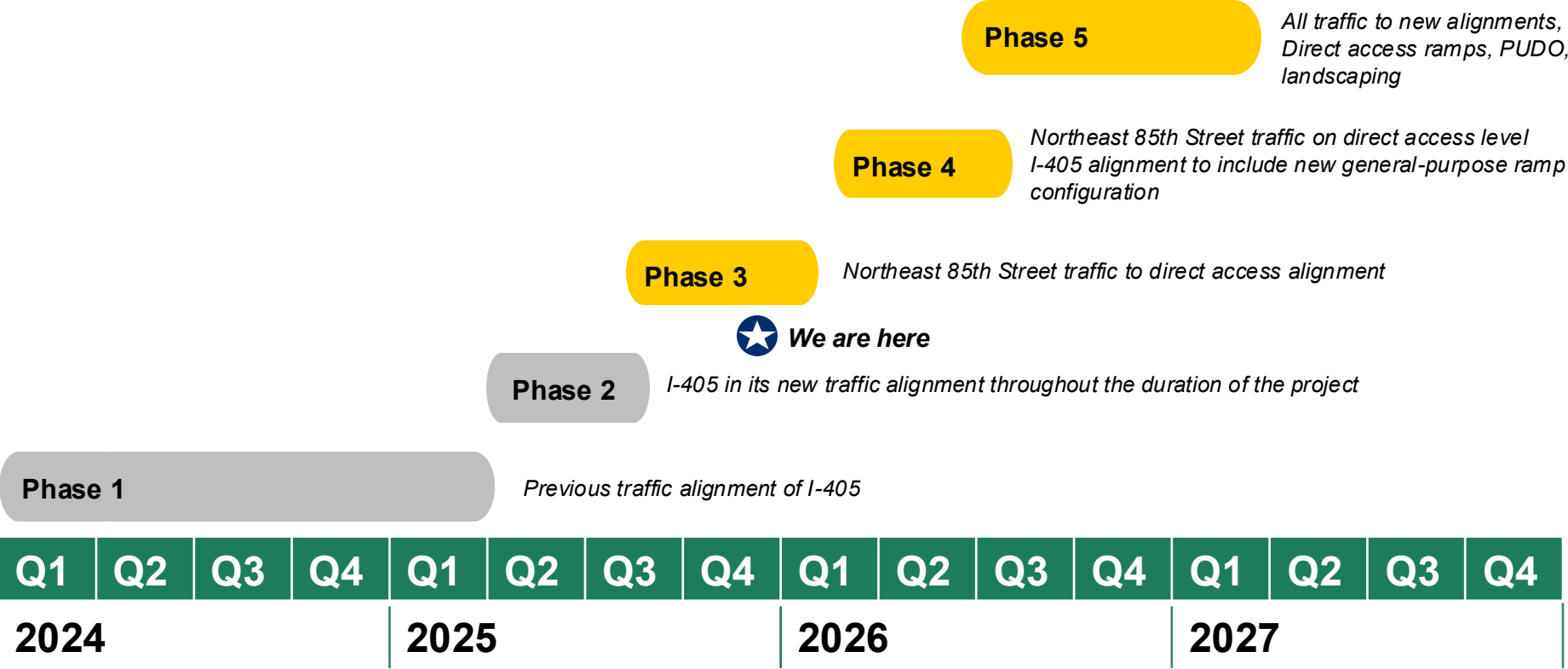
Opening celebration of Federal Way Link Extension.



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# Construction updates

# Construction schedule



# Completed construction activities



*Northeast 85th Street excavation under NE 85th Street.*

- **Excavation for lower level:**
  - Excavation of 85th street
  - Utilities installation
- **Landscaping:**
  - Stabilizing slopes with mulch

# In progress construction activities

- **Girders for Direct Access Level**
- **Continued construction for lower level:**
  - Wall construction
  - Utilities
  - Grade preparation and paving
- **Landscaping:**
  - Stabilizing slopes with mulch
- **Sign Bridge Construction**



*In progress excavation under the I-405 lanes*

# Construction activities

## *Winter 2025 / 2026 Overview*



### **January/February 2026:**

- Girder placement on 85th for direct access bridges
- Northbound on-ramp full closure and I-405 lane reductions
- BRT Platform

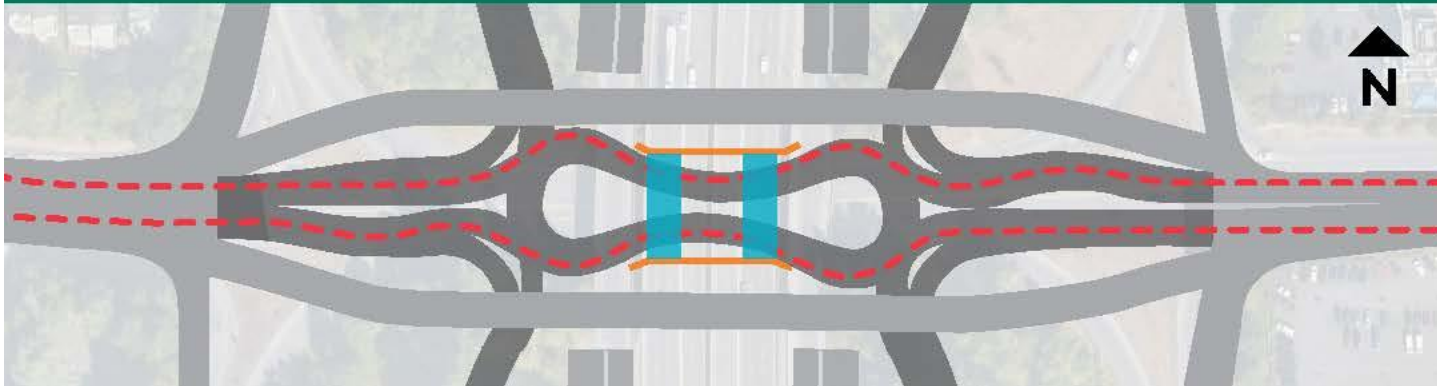
Closures are necessary for the safety of the traveling public and to accommodate additional space requirements.

During the winter months, construction work is often weather-dependent as conditions can make some activities less safe for crews and equipment.





# Upcoming construction activities

 **Late spring 2026: Traffic switch to NE 85th Street level**

## Late Spring Northeast 85th Street Configuration



### LEGEND

-  New retaining wall on level 2
-  Level 1 under construction
-  New level 2 bridges
-  Flow of traffic returning to NE 85th Street

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Completing the multimodal connection between Downtown Kirkland through the interchange.

Includes installing an 85-foot stormwater vault.

*Shared-Use Path construction on NE 85th St looking east*

# What to expect during construction

- Weekday, weekend, and night work
- Lane closures and reductions
- I-405 roadway and ramp closures
- Signed detours and flaggers
- Noise, dust, exhaust, and vibrations



*The excavation in progress under the I-405 bridges.*

# How we're reducing community impacts

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## *Minimizing noise*

- Noisy work is completed during the day unless lane closures are required.
- During night work, noisy work is conducted earlier in the evening shift when possible.
- Equipment is selected for reduced noise levels.
- Vehicles use an ambient backup alarm versus the loud, audible backup alarms.
- All trucks on the night shift have bed liners to reduce impact noise.
- Horn honking for vehicle positioning is prohibited.
- Dumping trucks are prohibited from slamming tailgates while dumping.

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## *Reducing exhaust*

- Truck idle times are monitored, and engines must be shut off when not in use.

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## *Lowering light from work zones*

- Generators, light plants, and towers are set back from property lines and homes to minimize light and noise impacts on homes.

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**Stay in touch!**

# How we're keeping Kirkland informed



- Road signs
- Mailed materials and information
- Briefings, meetings, and pop-up events
- Email and website updates
- Quarterly project updates on Zoom
- Poster and flyer distribution
- Coordination and meeting with businesses near the project site

**Stay informed by  
subscribing to email  
updates.**

**Updates include:**

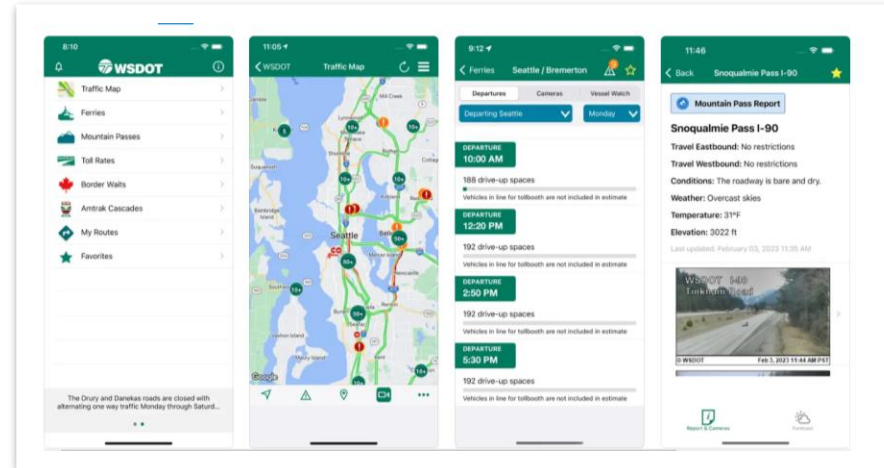
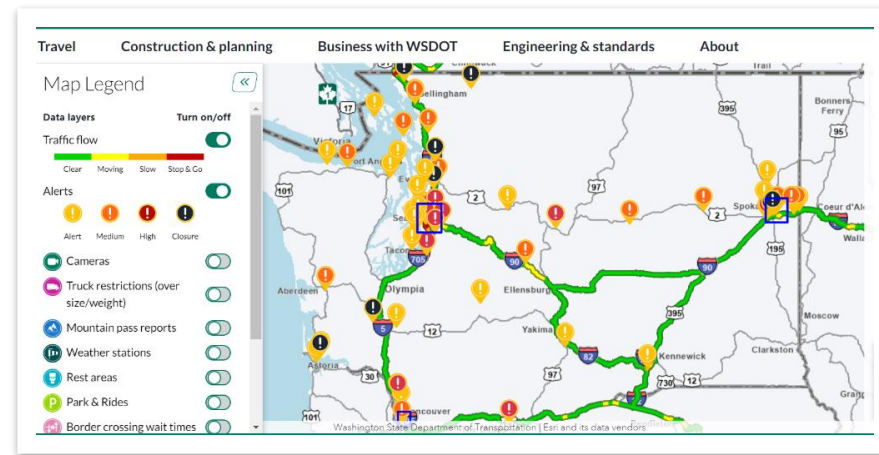
- Closures
- Lane shifts
- Nighttime or other potentially disruptive work
- Changes in work hours
- Construction milestones

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# For the most up-to-date travel impacts:

- Visit our real-time travel map: [wsdot.com/travel/real-time](https://wsdot.com/travel/real-time)

- Download the WSDOT mobile app: Just type in the term "WSDOT" in [Google play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.wsdot) or [the App Store](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/wsdot/id1441111111) to download the WSDOT app.



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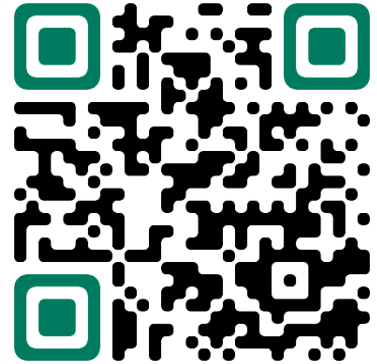
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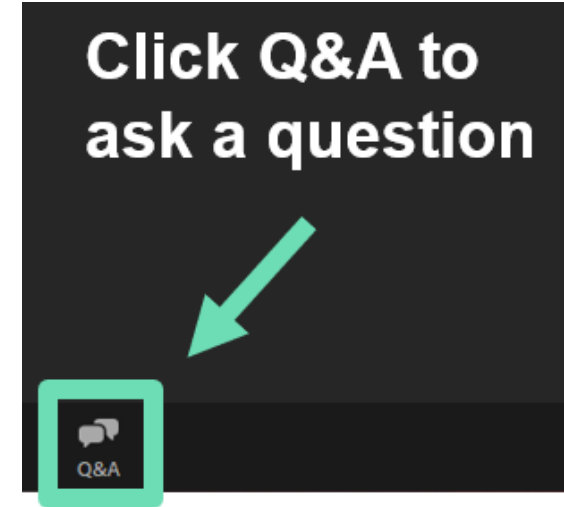


# Questions, comments, or concerns?

## Submit a question via Zoom Q&A window

- Keep questions focused on this project
- Submit your questions as short, complete sentences
- We will answer as many questions as possible by 1:30 p.m.

Questions specific to an individual situation can be difficult for us to answer now.



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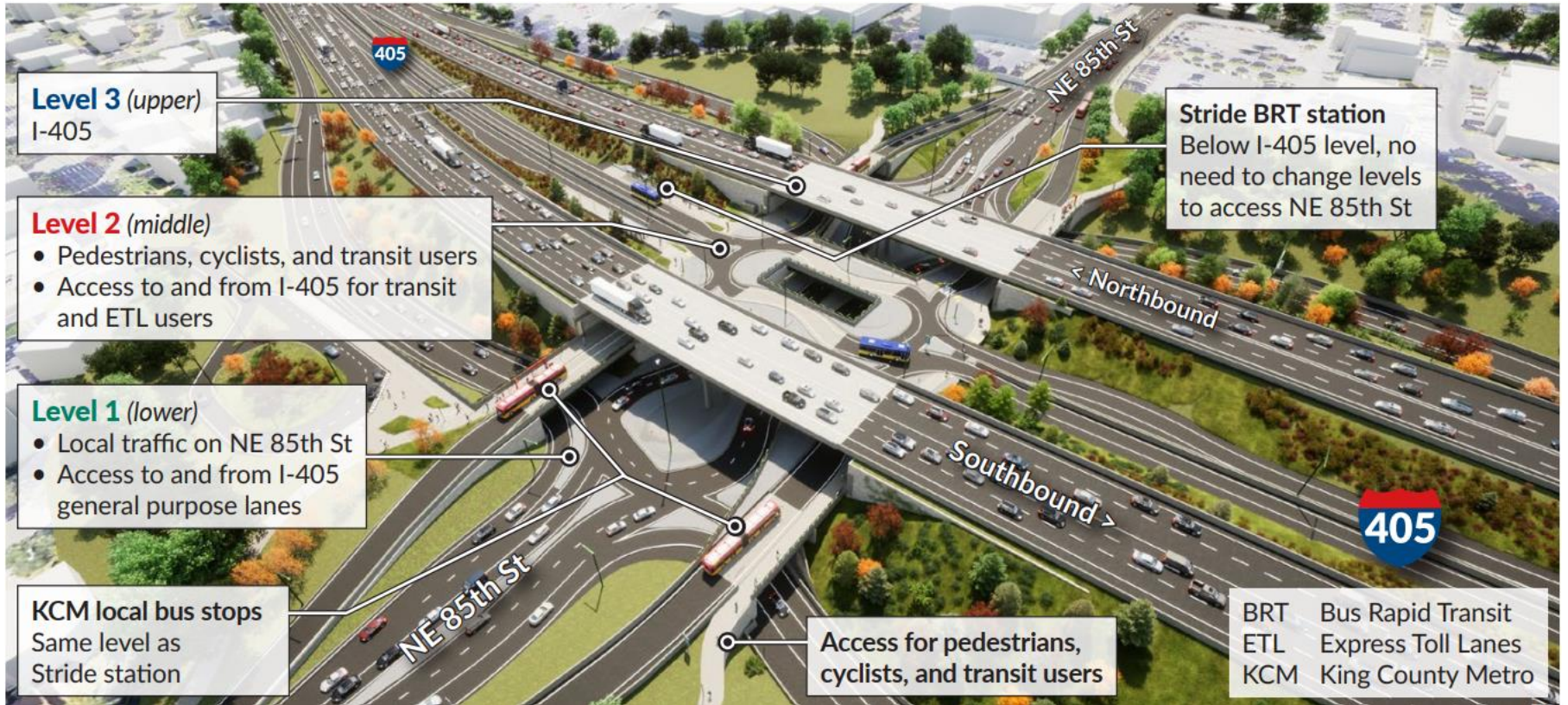


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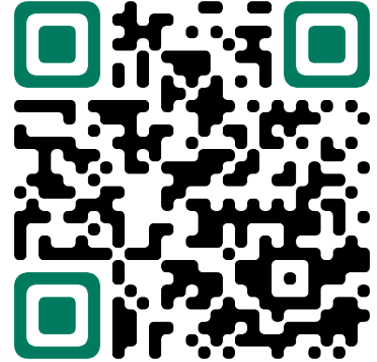
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# Back pocket slides

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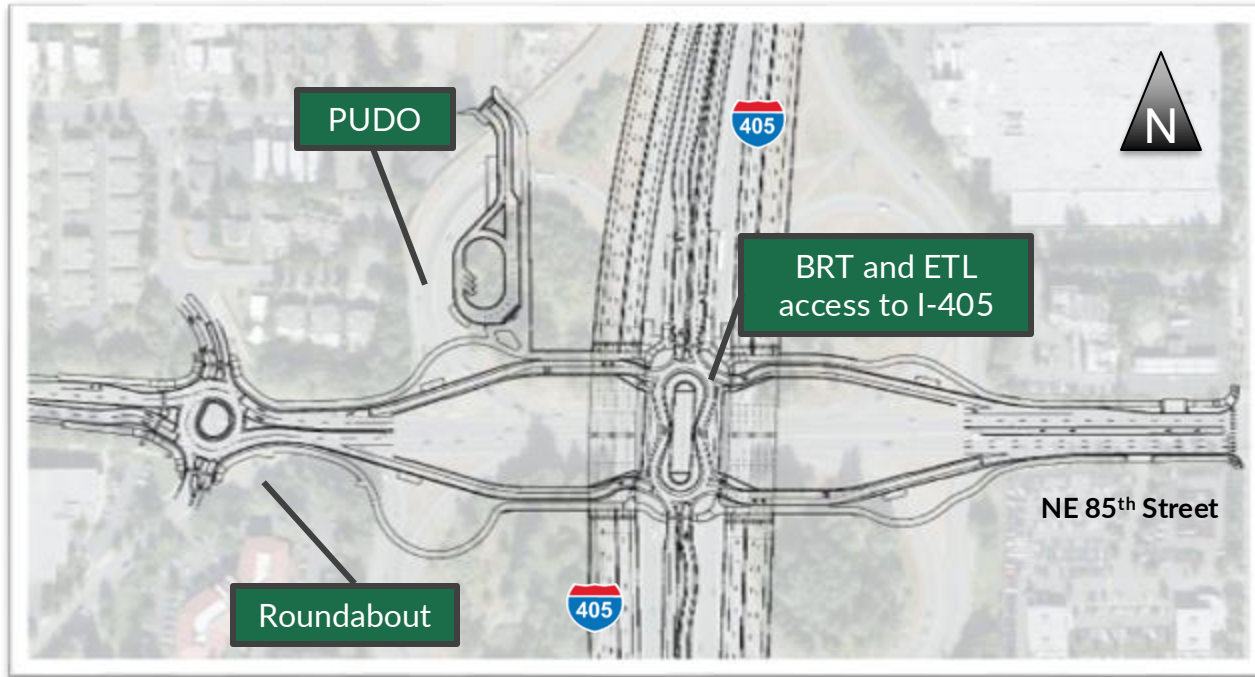
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